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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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For : ACTIVATION OF MULTIPLE xDSL MODEMS WITH HALF DUPLEX
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of a Written Opinion, issued by the Australian Patent Office on January 9, 2001, for counterpart Singapore Patent Application No. SG 0003733-3 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

U.S. Patent No. 5,682,419 to GRUBE et al., entitled "Method and Apparatus for Providing Infrastructure Call Support" which issued on October 28, 1997, was cited with regard to novelty with respect to claims 1, 5-6, 11-14, 19-21, 27-29, 33, 39, 42 and 48. The Examiner indicated column 17, line 46 - column 19, 35 as being relevant;

U.S. Patent No. 5,349,635 to SCOTT, entitled "Half-Duplex or Full-Duplex Automode Operation for Use in Data Communications Equipment" which issued on September 20, 1994, was cited with regard to novelty with respect to claims 1-2, 9-10, 17-18, 25-26, 31-32, 37-38, 40-41, and 46-47. The Examiner indicated column 2, line 62 through column 8, line 5 as being relevant; and

U.S. Patent No. 4,897,831 to NEGI et al., entitled "Data Transmission/Reception Apparatus" which issued on January 30, 1990, was cited with regard to novelty with respect to claims 1-2, 5, 7-10, 16-18, 22-26, 30-32, 35-38, 40-41, 43-47 and 49-52. The Examiner indicated column 3, line 34 through column 7, line 65 as being relevant.

Applicant notes that the above-cited documents were also cited in an International Search Report mailed on April 27, 2000 with respect to related PCT Application No. PCT/US99/30006, which was submitted in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on July 27, 2000. Therefore, copies of the above-cited documents are not submitted herewith.

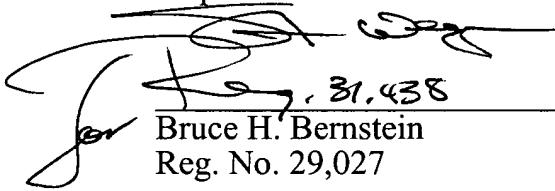
A copy of the Australian Written Opinion, is enclosed herewith for the review of the Examiner. Further, the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the initialed form with the next communication.

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Applicant notes that no action on the merits has been mailed, thus, no fee is required to be paid in order to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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